



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
St Paul District
Applicant: Enbridge Energy

Special Public Notice

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10-Rivers and Harbors Act

PROPOSED ENBRIDGE CRUDE OIL PIPELINE SYSTEM EXPANSION PROJECTS, FROM CLEARBROOK, MN INTO CANADA AT NECHE, NORTH DAKOTA, AND FROM SUPERIOR, WI INTO CANADA AT NECHE, NORTH DAKOTA

PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE. The purpose of this public notice is to invite public comment concerning proposals by Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership and Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights) L.L.C., referred to collectively as "Enbridge," to expand its existing crude oil pipeline system across Minnesota, between Western Canada and Wisconsin. The purpose of this notice is also to inform the public that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) intends to use the analyses conducted by the U.S. Department of State (DOS) and by the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) as necessary to satisfy Section 404 and Section 10 review requirements.

Enbridge is proposing three new expansion pipeline projects, which are referred to as the LSr, Alberta Clipper and Southern Lights Diluent Projects. These pipelines would be located in close proximity to Enbridge's existing pipeline rights-of-way across northern Minnesota. See the attached figure labeled 2006-5527-LAG page 5 of 6.

Work associated with the proposed pipelines requires Corps authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

The proposed LSr and Alberta Clipper pipelines require a Presidential Permit from the DOS. The DOS is the lead federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The Corps is a cooperating agency in the DOS' preparation of environmental assessments for the proposed LSr Project and Alberta Clipper project.

The proposed pipelines also require a Certificate of Need (CON) and a Pipeline Routing Permit (PRP) from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The DOC has the responsibility for the CON and PRP review process. In North Dakota, the proposed

pipelines are under the authority of the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECTS. Enbridge is proposing to increase crude petroleum transportation services between the oil sands in Western Canada and refineries in the Midwest by constructing three different petroleum pipelines as described below. These proposed projects are a part of Enbridge's system expansion plans in Canada and the United States.

The proposed pipelines would be placed alongside of existing easements/right-of-way in most areas. Collectively, the proposed projects would require approximately 75 feet of additional permanent right-of-way space next to Enbridge's four (south of Clearbrook, MN) or five (north of Clearbrook, MN) existing pipelines.

In addition to new permanent right-of-way, additional temporary work space would be required to store excavated soil, store pipe sections as they are added to the line, move equipment and vehicles and to provide a safe work area to install the pipelines. Temporary work space requirements would vary in width, but are expected to be between 90 and 140 feet.

The LSr Project would have a total of 90 waterbody crossings and 81 wetland crossings. Approximately 140 acres of wetlands would be temporarily impacted during construction. The proposed pipelines are not expected to have any permanent wetland fill associated with them. However, approximately 40 acres of forested wetlands along the pipeline route would be converted to non-forested wetlands during construction. Approximately 20 acres of this forested wetland would be maintained by the applicant as non-forested wetland (e.g. herbaceous wetland) and the remaining 20 acres would not be maintained by the applicant and may ultimately recover as a forested wetland, depending on landowner activities in those areas.

2. Authority. Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act requires Corps authorization to do any work in, over or under a Navigable Water of the U.S. The proposed pipelines are eligible for Section 10 authorization under Nationwide Permit (NWP) 12.

Section 404 of the CWA requires Corps authorization for any discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. Enbridge has requested authorization for the proposed LSr Project under the Minnesota Regional General Permit 3 (RGP-003-MN) and for Nationwide Permit (NWP) 12 in North Dakota under Section 404 of the CWA. The Corps St. Paul District is currently evaluating the information that Enbridge submitted with their request.

Enbridge intends to submit a single permit application for work associated with the proposed Alberta Clipper and Southern Lights

Diluent Projects because they would be constructed in the same right-of-way and at the same time. These projects would require authorization by an individual CWA Section 404 permit for the Minnesota and Wisconsin portions of the pipelines because they do not meet the Minnesota Regional General Permit 3 (RGP-003-MN) eligibility requirements.

Upon receipt of a complete permit application for work associated with the Alberta Clipper/Southern Lights Diluent Projects, the Corps St. Paul District will issue another public notice inviting comments on those proposed pipelines.

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS. The DOC will be holding public information meetings on the applications for pipeline routing permits, as shown on the attached table labeled 2006-5527-LAG page 6 of 6. The Corps St. Paul District intends to use the information obtained at these meetings in the CWA Section 404 and Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 permit evaluations.

4. DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY. This public notice and more detailed information are available on the Corps St. Paul District internet web site at <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/regulatory/>.

U.S. Department of State (DOS) Documents

The DOS notice of intent to prepare environmental assessments and request for public comment is available on the DOS web site, under Energy Policy, Pipeline Permits, Non-Agricultural Commodities, at <http://state.gov/e/eeb/c9982.htm>.

Minnesota Public Utility Commission Online Information Locations

Information regarding the Minnesota Public Utility Commission proceedings on these Enbridge Projects will be available on several websites. Information on the route permit proceeding will be available at the web sites identified above or on eDockets at: <http://www.edockets.state.mn.us/>. Type in 07-360 or 07-361 for information on the route proceedings or 07-464 or 07-465 for information on the CON proceedings.

Enbridge Project Information

More information on Enbridge's applications, including associated maps and drawings, is available for review and download at www.enbridgeus.com/publicinfo. Enbridge will also provide a CD or hard copy of these applications upon request. Contact Enbridge's toll-free public information number for the projects at (866) 410-4356, or contact Kevin O'Connor of Natural Resource Group, Enbridge's representative, at 612-347-7879, 80 S. 8th St., Suite 1000, Minneapolis, MN 55402, or kgoconnor@nrginc.com. Enbridge project information is also available online at (<http://www.enbridge-expansion.com>).

5. REPLIES/COMMENTS. The Corps St. Paul District invites public comment regarding the potential impacts to Waters of the U.S. associated with the proposed pipelines.

Interested parties are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections within 30 days of the date of this notice. Replies may be addressed to Leo Grabowski, in the Brainerd Field Office, 10867 East Gull Lake Drive NW Brainerd, MN 56401-9051, or to Tamara Cameron, St. Paul District Regulatory Branch, at 190 E 5th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, or to tamara.e.cameron@usace.army.mil.

Written comments on the scope of the DOS EA for the LSr Project or Alberta Clipper Project may be addressed to: Elizabeth Orlando, OES/ENV Room 2657, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520. Additionally, comments may be submitted electronically on the LSr Project to southernlights@state.gov or on the Alberta Clipper Project to albertaclipper@state.gov. Comment deadline for the LSr Project is 45 days from publication of the NOI in the Federal Register. Comment deadline for Alberta Clipper is 45 days from publication of the NOI in the Federal Register.

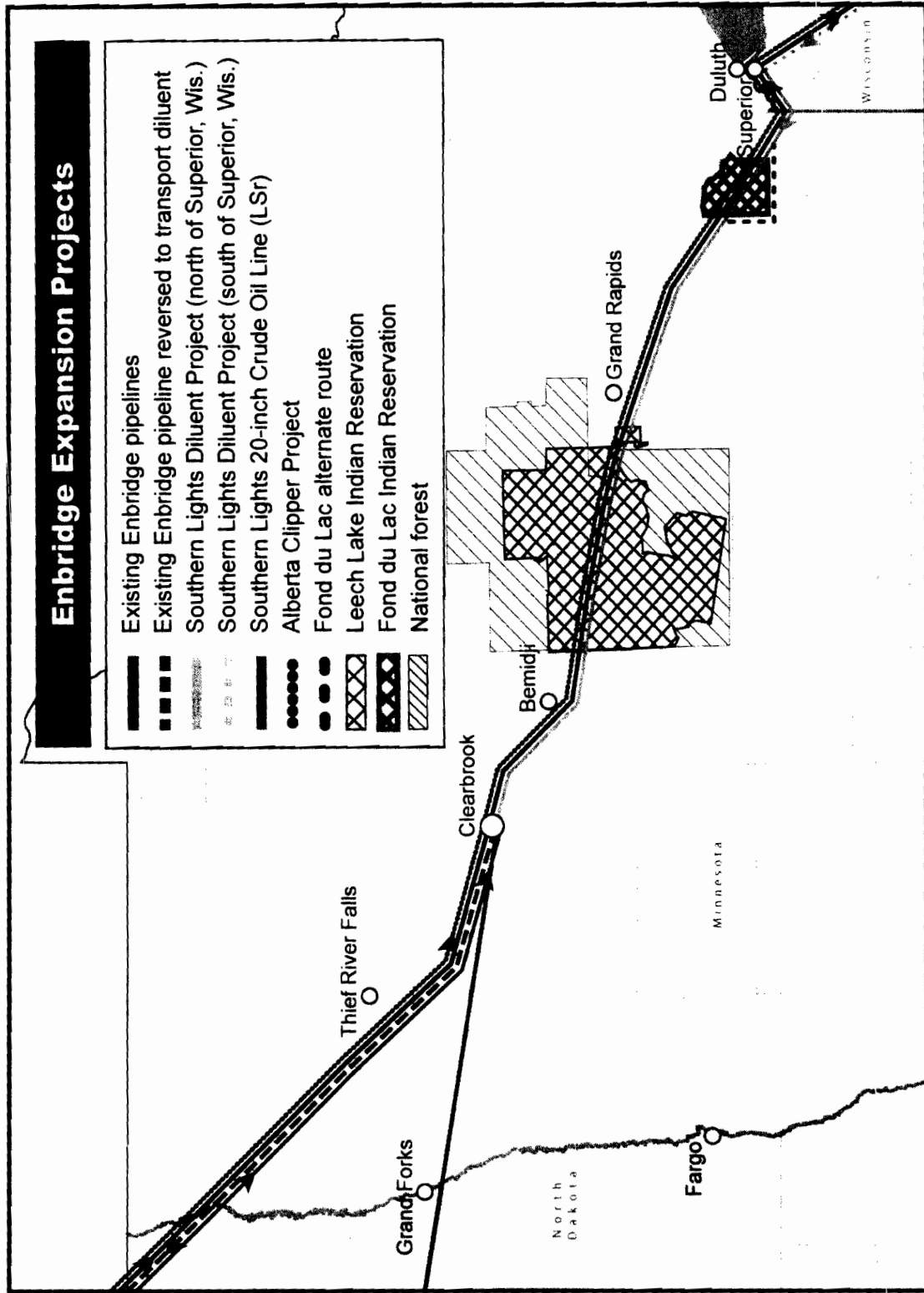

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Enclosures

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Enbridge Expansion Projects

- Existing Enbridge pipelines
- Existing Enbridge pipeline reversed to transport diluent
- Southern Lights Diluent Project (north of Superior, Wis.)
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- Southern Lights 20-inch Crude Oil Line (LSr)
- Alberta Clipper Project
- Fond du Lac alternate route
- Leech Lake Indian Reservation
- Fond du Lac Indian Reservation
- National forest



DOC INFORMATION MEETING & OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

**A DOC PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES AFTER THE
START OF EACH OPEN HOUSE**

COUNTY	CITY	MEETING LOCATION	DATE AND TIME
Kittson	Kennedy	VFW & Café 102 5 th St. E.	Monday, August 13, 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Marshall	Stephen	Stephen Community Center 319 5 th Street	Monday, August 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Pennington	Thief River Falls	Best Western Meeting Room 1060 Highway 32 South	Tuesday, August 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Red Lake	Oklee	Oklee Community Hall, 2 nd Ave. between fire hall and gas station (no physical address listed on building)	Wednesday, August 15 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Polk	Gully	Gully Community Center 120 S. Main St.	Wednesday, August 15 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Clearwater	Clearbrook	City Hall Gym 200 Elm St. SE	Thursday, August 16 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Beltrami/Hubbard	Bemidji	Holiday Inn Express Conference Center, 2422 Ridgeway Ave.	Monday, August 20, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Beltrami/Hubbard	Bemidji	Holiday Inn Express Conference Center, 2422 Ridgeway Ave.	Monday, August 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Cass/Hubbard	Cass Lake	Cass Lake Palace Casino and Hotel 16599 69 th Ave NW	Tuesday, August 21 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Itasca/Aitkin	Cohasset	Cohasset Community Center 305 NW 1 st Ave	Tuesday, August 21 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Louis/Aitkin	Floodwood	St. Louis County Fair Building 107 W 7 th Ave	Wednesday, August 22 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Carlton	Carlton	Black Bear Hotel- Lake Hall Room 1789 Highway 210	Thursday, August 23 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.